

House Resolution No.

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives wholeheartedly believe that a successful marriage forms a firm foundation for a lifetime of happiness and security and wish to salute an outstanding Missouri couple whose union confirms that philosophy; and

Whereas, Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas, cherished residents of Buffalo, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of their Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary with a special celebration to be held in August 2004; and

Whereas, joined in marriage before the eyes of the Lord on June 27, 1937, William Hadley Thomas and Willie Hazel Hobbs began their lives together as husband and wife after a memorable wedding ceremony officiated by the Reverend Gordon Lockey at the home of the groom's family in Springfield; and

Whereas, named after Governor Hadley who had visited the Buffalo area in 1911, Mr. Thomas provided a safe and secure future for his loved ones as a co-owner of the National Commission Company of Springfield and the Ford Agency in Buffalo, owner of an order buying live stock commission company, employee of MFA, Director of O'Bannon Banking Company, and rancher and owner of a 2,800 acre ranch, while somehow finding the time and energy for affiliation with the Dallas County Shriner's Club and the Buffalo Saddle Club, of which he is a Charter member; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, exemplary homemaker, and accomplished artist who has written poetry and a book about her beloved husband, Mrs. Thomas enjoyed her family immensely and further distinguished herself as a Deputy Recorder for Dallas County, employee of O'Bannon Banking Company, and Past Matron of the Order of the Eastern Star; and

Whereas, devout members of the United Methodist Church of Buffalo who have traveled extensively throughout the world, William and Willie Thomas attribute their sixty-seven years of wedded success and happiness to their strong sense of faith and family, the foundation upon which they have planted the seeds of their love and respect for each other in the generations to follow which include their three daughters and sons-in-law, Nancy and Darrell Lilley of Buffalo, Sally and Henry Cook of Springfield, and Diane and Larry Grant of Morrisville; and their six grandchildren, nine great-grandchildren, and one great-great-grandchild:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, unanimously join in a thunderous round of applause for William and Willie Thomas upon the glorious celebration of their Sixty-seventh Wedding Anniversary, and in wishing them tremendous peace and contentment as they proudly continue their journey along life's path; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas.

Offered by _____
Representative Larry D. Wilson
District No. 119

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. ____, adopted _____, 2004.

Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker